

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING**

**DOCKET NO. 2005-386-E**

The Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) to establish a docket to consider implementing the requirements of Section 1252 (Smart Metering) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (“EPAAct”).

On August 8, 2005, President Bush signed the EPAAct. The EPAAct requires state commissions, with respect to each electric utility for which the state commission has ratemaking authority to consider certain standards to encourage better utilization of energy resources.

According to the Petition, the Commission is required to make a determination regarding whether it is appropriate to require each electric utility to provide and install time-based meters and communications devices for each of their customers which enable such customers to participate in time-based pricing rate schedules and other demand response programs. The types of time-based rate schedules that may be offered, among others, include: (i) time-of-use pricing, (ii) critical peak pricing, (iii) real-time pricing, and (iv) credits for consumers who enter into pre-established peak load reduction agreements.

Persons who seek to comment regarding Docket No. 2005-386-E shall do so by **the close of business on March 1, 2007.**

A copy of the Company’s Petition can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Petition is available on the Commission’s website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov), and is available from Nanette Edwards, Attorney, Office of Regulatory Staff, 1441 Main Street, Suite 300, Columbia, S. C. 29201.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Petition. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **February 12, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-386-E.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, on or before **February 12, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-386-E.***

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **February 12, 2007**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-386-E.***

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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